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ANNOUNCER

ENGINEER

REMARKS

1. ANNOUNCER: Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers.
2. MUSIC: Quartet, Ranger's Song.
3. ANNOUNCER: Last week our friend Ranger Jim Robbins and Jerry Quick,
4. the assistant ranger went to make a thorough check-up
5. on the recreation areas in the Pine Cone National Forest, just to see
6. that everything is in good shape for all the folks who visit the forest.
7. You know, there are over 30 millions visits made to the National Forests
8. every year, including the folks who come back for more than one trip,
9. and a lot of them do take several trips a year. Now a total of 30
10. million visitors makes quite a crowd. But then we have 158 Forests
11. in 38 states. And most of these have some fine picnic and camping
12. grounds with fireplaces, bathing beaches, fishing streams nearby
13. and all kinds of opportunities for enjoying yourself in the out-of-doors.
14. But one important thing to remember is this: The Forest Service provides
15. these improved areas free of charge to the public. Well, let's go
16. up to the Pine Cone National Forest and see what's happening. Last
17. week, when Ranger Jim and Jerry were checking on the Hayloft Ridge
18. Picnic Ground they met Zeke Johnson and his wife, Abbie, who said they
19. were making a vacation trip through the Forest. Zeke told Jim he was
20. a farmer and had lived near Alfalfa Center, Nebraska, for many years.
21. But after the Johnsons had driven away in their car, Jim got word
22. by short-wave radio from his fire dispatcher which indicated that there
23. was a certain resemblance between the Johnsons and a couple who were
24. said to have held up a pay-roll truck in the nearby city. As we
25. arrive, Jim is talking to Ed, the fire dispatcher....

1. JIM: Anything more about them, Ed?

2. ED: (ON FILTER MIKE) Well, the announcer said the Sheriff

3. issued a warning to everybody to be on the lookout for

4. the, but that nobody better try to stop 'em without

5. guns, because they're plenty dangerous."

6. JERRY: Listen, Jim, didn't you notice how anxious Mrs.

7. Johnson was to get away? She didn't want to camp here.

8. And she acted like she was in a deuce of a hurry when

9. they left.

10. JIM: Yeah... Listen, Ed. Call the Sheriff and tell him I

11. said that a man and his wife answering to the description

12. of the bandits just left the Hayloft Ridge picnic area,

13. headed west on the highway.

14. ED: Okay, Jim. I'll keep in touch with you.

15. CLICK OF SWITCH:

16. JERRY: We better take out after 'em, Jim. They got a big lead

17. on us now."

18. JIM: No, son, we'll leave that to the Sheriff."

19. JERRY: Huh? You mean we aren't gonna run 'em down?

20. JIM: I should say we aren't. We don't know for sure that

21. Mr. Johnson and his wife are the ones that held up the

22. pay-roll truck. As a matter of fact, I don't think they

23. are at all."

24.

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1. JERRY: But, Jim, they answer the description perfectly. An
2. elderly couple, driving a black sedan with Nebraska
3. tags, and pretending to be farmers.
4. JIM: Yes, I know, son. But I think there's something
5. cockeyed about the description of those bandits.
6. JERRY: What do you mean, Jim?
7. JIM: The reports we've had say the man and woman are around
8. 65 years old.
9. JERRY: Yeah.
10. JIM: Well, did you ever hear of such an elderly couple
11. pulling a spectacular stunt like holding up a pay roll
12. truck?
13. JERRY: No. ... No, I didn't. But, Jim ...
14. JIM: Yes?
15. JERRY: Maybe I'm crazy but Johnson and his wife acted too
16. young to be as old as they make out. Did you notice
17. how he walked? Like a young man,
18. JIM: Yep...and I noticed a couple of other things...that's
19. the reason I told Ed to pass on that information to
20. the Sheriff.
21. JERRY: You mean you really think they are the bandits?
22. JIM: No, son, I still don't think so...for sure...Well, we've
23. got some work to do. Soon's we check the improvements
24. here we'll drive on over to Silver Lake. (FADING) The bath house up
25. there may need another coat of paint before the...
MUSIC UP AND OUT
FADEIN CAR RUNNING

1. JIM: (FADING IN) Well, here we are. I guess we might as well go down to the lake and look over the bath house first.
2. well go down to the lake and look over the bath house
3. first.
4. JERRY: What else do we have to check Jim?
5. JIM: We'd better look at the pier where folks in the
6. cabins around here keep their canoes, just to see
7. that it's in good repair.
8. JERRY: How about the water system?
9. JIM: That's all right. The State Health Department certified
10. the water last week, and they checked, ...By George!
11. JERRY: What's the matter, Jim?
12. JIM: Slow up. We'll stop here a minute.
13. MOTOR SLOWS THROUGH DIALOGUE
14. JERRY: What for?
15. JIM: See that car to the right of the road parked in the
16. trees?
17. JERRY: By golly, it's the Johnsons' car.
18. JIM: Yep. I guess we'll stop and see how they're makin' out.
19. JERRY: That's Mrs. Johnson sitting in front of the car on a
20. camp stool, isn't it?
21. JIM: Uhuh.
22. CAR COMES TO STOP: CAR DOOR OPENS
23. JIM: (FADING IN) How'd do, Mrs. Johnson. I didn't expect to
24. see you as soon as this.
25. ABBIE: We liked the name of the campground, so we thought we'd stop for a spell.

1. JERRY: Silver Lake's one of the prettiest spots around here.
2. ABBIE: It is a beautiful place. We thought we'd stop just long
3. enough for Mr. Johnson to have his afternoon nap. He
4. gets awfully tired driving. But he won't stop and rest
5. unless I simply make him. He's back of the car, lying
6. on a blanket where it's nice and shady.
7. JIM: I hope we haven't awakened him.
8. ABBIE: Oh, he's been sleeping for most a half hour. It wouldn't
9. matter.
10. JERRY: Did you locate a place to camp?
11. ABBIE: Well, no. We haven't. I like this campground here.
12. It's so peaceful and quiet under these big trees.
13. JIM: You're welcome to camp here if you like.
14. ABBIE: I'll see what Zeke says. This little spot here kinda
15. reminds me of home. The way the pine trees reach out
16. their branches over your head to sort of protect you
17. from the sun.
18. JIM: Do you have some pines on your farm?
19. ABBIE: Oh, yes, we've got some wonderful trees. Planted them
20. when we first bought the place.
21. JIM: Around your house?
22. ABBIE: Yes, we have a nice big grove.
23. JIM: Uhuh.... Say, Mrs. Johnson, I was wondering how you
24. happened to come out here for your trip this summer?
25. -

1. ABBIE: Oh, I've wanted to come out here for years, like Zeke
2. told you. But we just never seemed to get around to
3. it.

4. JIM: It's only a day's drive, or maybe two, from practically
5. any farm in the middle west to one of the National
6. Forests.

7. ABBIE: Yes, I imagine it is.

8. JIM: And you wouldn't use any more gas than you would driving
9. into town and back during a week at home.

10. ABBIE: That's what I always kept tellin' Zeke. But he was busy
11. with the place, and just one thing and another kept us
12. from makin' the trip.

13. JERRY: Say. Look. Isn't that Mr. Johnson coming up the road
14. from the Lake?

15. ABBIE: Dear me, so it is. What in the name of goodness.

16. JIM: Looks like he wasn't sleepin', after all.

17. ABBIE: (CALLING) Zeke Johnson, you said you were going to take
18. your nap like I asked you. Now where you been?

19. ZEKE: (FADING) What say, Abbie?

20. ABBIE: I just told these gentlemen you were taking your nap.
21. And now here.....

22. ZEKE: My nap?..... Oh ... Oh, yes. (LAUGHING) Abbie's always
23. fussing at me about my naps. But I got tired of resting
24. so I went for a little walk.

25. ABBIE: He's always doing things like that, worse'n any of the
children we've raised.

1. ZEKE: (LAUGHING) Hafta play a trick or two on Abbie now and
2. then, just to keep her from gettin' old. Well, are you
3. fellas gonna give this campground the once over?
4. JIM: Yep. We finished the one at Hayloft Ridge?
5. ZEKE: Mighty nice place. Wish I could stay here for as long
6. as I want, just to walk around through the woods. Don't
7. have much woods back in Alfalfa Center, except a few
8. groves and windbreaks.
9. JIM: Mrs. Johnson was telling us about the trees on your
10. place.
11. ZEKE: We got some handsome trees there.
12. JIM: You know ... I keep thinking there's someone in Alfalfa
13. Center that I know ...
14. ZEKE: That right? ... Well ... I don't know who it'd be.
15. Ain't nobody there but my son-in-law. He runs the
16. general store there. There's a couple of farms nearby.
17. JIM: I've heard of the place somewhere.
18. ZEKE: It's mighty fine alfalfa country. Some of the best seed
19. in the state comes from there.
20. JIM: I reckon that must be it ... Well, I guess we'll be
21. movin' along. (FADING) Hope we'll see you folks again.
22. THEY REPLY
23. JERRY: (OFF) Good-bye.
24. CAR DOOR OPENS: CAR STARTS AND DRIVES AWAY
- 25.

1. JERRY: (FADING IN) Golly, Jim, dontcha think we should have
2. held 'em here until the Sheriff comes?
3. JIM: No, son, not unless we had pretty fair evidence they're
4. the bandits.
5. JERRY: But how come Mrs. Johnson wasn't asleep like his wife
6. said he was? And did you see how surprised he looked
7. when he said she'd told us he was taking a nap?
8. JIM: (CHUCKLING) What does that prove, son?
9. JERRY: Their stories don't click. Maybe he was reconnoitering
10. looking for a good hideout.
11. JIM: Uhuh... We'll see if Ed's heard anything new about the
12. bandits.
13. CLICK OF SWITCH
14. JERRY: He's had plenty of time to get hold of the Sheriff.
15. JIM: I reckon he'd have called us if there was anything
16. important.
17. JERRY: I suppose he would.
18. JIM: Doggone it, if I could only think where I've heard of
19. Alfalfa Center, maybe we could clear up a few things.
20. JERRY: Have you ever been there?
21. JIM: Nope.
22. CRACK OF STATIC
23. JERRY: The radio's warmed up now ...
24. JIM: I'll see if I can get Ed ... Eye-19 to KCAL... Eye-19
25. to KCAL .. Calling Forest Service fire dispatcher.

1. JERRY: Hope he's not having any fire trouble. We've got enough
2. excitement to handle around here now.
3. JIM: Humidity's pretty high today ... Eye-19 to KCAL ...
4. Eye-19 calling KCAL, fire dispatcher
5. CRACKLE OF STATIC
6. ED: (ON FILTER MIKE) KCAL to Eye-19, go ahead, Jim.
7. JIM: We're at the Silver Lake Camp Ground, Ed. Just saw the
8. two suspects I told you about. What did the Sheriff
9. have to say about them?
10. ED: He said he didn't think they could have got that far.
11. But they'll keep in contact with us.
12. JIM: All right. Let us know if anything breaks.
13. ED: Okay, Jim.
14. CLICK OF SWITCH:
15. JERRY: I wonder why the Sheriff didn't send somebody up here
16. to find out about these people?
17. JIM: I reckon he's got some other trails to follow.
18. JERRY: He's crazy if he doesn't get hot on this one.
19. JIM: Maybe so... You can pull up here beside the bath house,
20. Jerry. I'll take the inside, if you'll have a look at
21. the pier and the diving boards.
22. CAR SLOWS TO STOP
23. MUSIC SEGUES IN, THEN FADES OUT.
24. CAR SHIFTS GEARS: MOTOR UP
25.

1. JIM: We'll drive back up the road to the camping units and the
2. shelters.
3. JERRY: Are you gonna stop and talk to the Johnsons?
4. JIM: M-m-m I don't know. I noticed you were working on the
5. lower diving board. Get it fixed?
6. JERRY: Yeah, the mat on the end of the board was loose. I was
7. afraid somebody might break a leg or something, so I
8. put a new mat on it.
9. JIM: That's good. Say ... By George. Now I remember.
10. JERRY: What is it, Jim?
11. JIM: That reminds me about Alfalfa Center.
12. JERRY: What does?
13. JIM: I had a pal named Curley Stokes once. He broke his
14. hip when he got thrown in a round-up in Montana.
15. JERRY: What's he got to do with Alfalfa Center? Did he come
16. from there?
17. JIM: No, he went there. After he broke his hip he couldn't
18. ride for a long time. He bought a store in Alfalfa
19. Center, Nebraska.
20. JERRY: He did?
21. JIM: Yep.
22. JERRY: (EAGERLY) Then if old man Johnson has really lived in
23. Alfalfa Center for the past forty or fifty years, he'd
24. know Curly.
25. JIM: That's it.

1. JERRY: And if he doesn't know him....
2. JIM: Oh, oh! Wasn't this about where the Johnsons were
3. parked?
4. JERRY: Yeah .. they're gone. They beat it.
5. MUSIC UP AND OUT.
6. ANNOUNCER. And still we don't know any more about Zeke Johnson and
7. his wife than we did before. But it looks now as if
8. Ranger Jim may be able to find out if Mr. Johnson and his wife really
9. come from Alfalfa Center ... Listen for the next episode a week from
10. today. Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers comes to you every Friday on the
11. Farm and Home Hour through the courtesy of the National Broadcasting
12. Company with the cooperation of the United States Forest Service ...
13. Featured in today's program was Harvey Hayes in the role of Ranger
14. Jim which was originally created by him. Jerry Quick was played by
15. _____, Zeke Johnson by _____
16. and his wife, Abbie, by _____ and Ed, the fire
17. dispatcher by _____.
18. (PRODUCTION NOTE: Radio call should be Eye-nineteen, insted of Eye-
19. one-nine)
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